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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)

SUBJECT: SCHEDULE FOR PRESIDENTIAL TRIP

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1. THERE HAS BEEN NO RESPONSE AS YET FROM THE FRENCH TO
THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE CHANGE DISCUSSED IN REFTTEL.
PENDING SUCH RESPONSE AND WITHOUT IN ANY WAY PRE-JUDGING
FRENCH REACTION, THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS ARE MADE ON A
POSSIBLE SIDE TRIP TO NORMANDY, INVOLVING A TRAIN RIDE
TO BAYEUX AND VISITS TO US CEMETERY AT OMAHA BEACH,
AND SHORT VISITS TO THE CITIES OF BAYEUX AND CAEN.

2. VARIOUS TRAVEL TIMES:

PARIS - BAYEUX

BY SCHEDULED TRAIN (THIS IS 2 HRS 15 MINS
AN EXPRESS NON-STOP TRAIN)

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SPECIAL TRAIN 2 HRS 15 MINS

DRIVING TIMES:

BAYEUX - OMAHA BEACH CEMETERY L5 MINS
BAYEUX - CAENS 20 MINS

CAENS - OMAHA BEACH CEMETERY 30 MINS
PARIS - OMAHA BEACH CEMETERY 3 HRS
OMAHA BEACH CEMETERY - DEAUVILLE
AIRPORT WHICH CAN ACCOMMODATE 1 HOUR
707 AIRCRAFT IN GOOD WEATHER

HELICOPTER TIME

OMAHA BEACH CEMETERY - PARIS 1 HR 30 MINS

3. SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES IN NORMANDY:

(A) VISIT TO THE US CEMETERY AT OMAHA BEACH
(LOCATED BETWEEN THE TOWNS OF MONT LES MOULINS AND
VIERVILLE SUR MER), LAYING OF WREATHS ALONG WITH
APPROPRIATE MILITARY HONORS BY US AND FRENCH MILITARY
UNITS.

ESTIMATED TIME: 1 HOUR

(B) OF SPECIAL INTEREST ARE THE GRAVES OF BRIG.
GEN THEODORE ROOSEVELT, JR., DIVISION COMMANDER, AND
QUENTIN ROOSEVELT WHO WAS SHOT DOWN IN A US FIGHTER
AIRCRAFT IN WWI.

(C) OF INTEREST WOULD BE A VISIT TO THE MEMORIAL
PAVILION IN THE CEMETERY WHICH IS ON A BEAUTIFUL SITE
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OVERLOOKING OMAHA BEACH AND THE CHANNEL.

(D) ANOTHER MEMORIAL IN THE AREA IS A PLAQUE AND
TIME CAPSULE IN MEMORY OF GENERAL EISENHOWER WHICH WAS
ERECTED IN 1969 ON THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LANDING
OF US FORCES AT OMAHA BEACH.

(E) A POSSIBLE SIDE TRIP OF INTEREST IS THE POINT
DU HOC WHERE THERE IS A US RANGER MEMORIAL. THIS WOULD
BE A 25 MINUTE DRIVE EACH WAY FROM OMAHA BEACH. IT IS
THE SITE OF A SPECTACULAR FEAT OF ARMS. HOWEVER, IT IS
NOT PARTICULARLY RECOMMENDED SINCE NEGOTIATIONS ARE
CURRENTLY UNDERWAY WHICH COULD RESULT IN US CUSTODY OF
THE SITE.

(F) ANOTHER POSSIBLE SIDE TRIP WOULD BE TO BAYEUX
TO VIEW THE FAMOUS 11TH CENTURY TAPESTRY WHICH PORTRAYS
IN INFINITE DETAIL THE NORMAN INVASION OF ENGLAND BY

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WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR. BAYEUX IS A HANDSOME TOWN WITH
MANY LATE MEDIEVAL BUILDINGS AND IS THE SITE OF THE
SUB-PREFECTURE.

(G) ANOTHER POSSIBLE SIDE TRIP WOULD BE A
VISIT TO CAEN, A LARGE CITY WITH A CASTLE IN THE CENTER
OF TOWN AND TWO LARGE ABBEYS WHICH WERE RELATIVELY
UNDAMAGED DURING THE HEAVY FIGHTING IN WWII. IT WOULD
BE A GOOD SITE FOR HANDSHAKING AND MEETING FRENCH
CITIZENS.

4. THE FRENCH ARE COUNTING HEAVILY ON ABOUT 4 HOURS OF
CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE TWO PRESIDENTS. IF THE TRIP TO
AND FROM NORMANDY IS MADE BY TRAIN, IT WOULD PROVIDE THE
DESIRED TIME FOR THESE DISCUSSIONS. IF WE CANNOT
SATISFY THEM ON GOING BOTH WAYS BY TRAIN THIS MIGHT
ENCROACH ON PRESIDENT'S FREE TIME THE NEXT
DAY.

5. THE ESTIMATED TIME ON THE GROUND IN NORMANDY, INCLU-
DING VISITS TO BAYEUX, CAEN WITH EXPOSURE TO THE FRENCH
POPULATION, VISIT TO THE US CEMETERY AT OMAHA BEACH, AND
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A FRENCH MILITARY CEMETERY OR MONUMENT IN THE VICINITY,

WOULD TAKE ABOUT FOUR TO FIVE HOURS.

6. IF DEPARTURE FROM PARIS IS AROUND NOONTIME FOLLOWING
THE ARC OF TRIOMPHE CEREMONY, LUNCH ON THE TRAIN, AND
RETURN TO PARIS BY 5:00 P.M., THIS WOULD PROVIDE FOR
ADEQUATE STAFF TIME PRIOR TO THE ONLY EVENING EVENT
WHICH IS THE DINNER AND RECEPTION AT VERSAILLES.
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